

Demographics: United States and Virginia

The demographic makeup of Virginia differs from the country as a whole in several ways. Compared to the entire U.S., Virginia has a higher percentage of non-Hispanic (NH) black residents and a lower percentage of Hispanic/Latino residents, and it has a lower percentage of persons living below the poverty line. Virginia's median household income is nearly \$10,000 higher than the national median income.

Selected population characteristics, Virginia and U.S., 2009

	Virginia	United States
Race/ethnicity		
White, NH	66.3%	65.1%
Black, NH	20.0%	12.9%
Hispanic/Latino	7.2%	15.8%
Asian	5.0%	4.6%
Other, NH	2.3%	2.9%
Gender		
Male	49.2%	49.3%
Female	50.8%	50.7%
Age		
Under 18	23.4%	24.3%
18-64	64.4%	62.8%
65 and over	12.2%	12.9%
Income		
Below poverty line	10.2%	13.2%
Median household income	\$61,210	\$52,029
Education		
High school graduates	85.8%	84.6%
Bachelor's degree or higher	33.4%	27.5%
Unemployment	6.6%	9.3%
Total population	7,882,590	307,006,550

Sources: U.S. Census Bureau; U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Data note: Unemployment rates reflect revised population controls, model re-estimation, and seasonal adjustment.